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For :	ANNULOPLASTY RING HOLDER	Examiner: Aaron F. Roane
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PETITION FOR ONE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME AND FEE

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), Applicant hereby petitions for a one-month extension of time to respond to the Office Action dated October 18, 2006. Enclosed is a charge authorization, Form PTO-2038, for \$910.00 to cover the fee for the extension of time and for the RCE fee. If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor.

The Director is authorized to charge any additional fees associated with this paper or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-1123.

Respectfully submitted,

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